

Rewilding Dorset

A viable conservation strategy?



A one day workshop meeting to explore the application of rewilding concepts to Dorset

Rewilding has become a major theme in recent years that has not only engaged conservationists but has also inspired public debate, partly fuelled by the publication of George Monbiot's *Feral* (2013). While a number of practical rewilding initiatives have been launched in the UK, most of these are predominantly located in upland areas. This meeting is designed to explore the options that exist for rewilding in lowland landscapes such as Dorset by bringing together researchers, practitioners and local conservation NGOs.



Speakers include:

Dr Paul Jepson, Oxford University – “Rewilding policy: risk and opportunities”

Dr Christopher Sandom, University of Sussex – “Putting rewilding into practice”

Dr Matthew Heard, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology – “Ecological impacts of rewilding using extensive grazing: the case of Knepp Estate”

Fiona Bowles, Poole Harbour Catchment Initiative – “Is there space for Dorset Rivers to run wild?”

Helen Meech, Rewilding Britain – “Why Rewild Britain?”

Professor Richard Brazier, Exeter University – “Quantifying the ecohydrological impacts of reintroducing Eurasian Beaver to intensively managed, lowland agricultural landscapes”

Alison Turnock, Dorset AONB – “The Wild Purbeck Nature Improvement Area - towards bigger, better, more, joined”

Date: Thursday 5th May 2016, 10am – 5:30pm

Venue: Charlton Down Village Hall, Charlton Down, Dorset, DT2 9UA (4 miles north of Dorchester)

It is essential you book a ticket if you wish to attend, please visit:
rewilding-dorset.eventbrite.co.uk